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1. Between 1 December 1950 and 23 August 1951, the Chinese Communists conducted two campaigns to recruit students and young workers for military schools. The first campaign opened in December in response to a decision made on 1 December by the Government Administration Council and the People's Revolutionary Military Council. By the end of January, 250,000 young people, including 8,000 workers, had applied for entrance into military schools. Only 50,000, including 5,000 of the workers, were accepted; the others failed to meet the health standards.
2. On 24 June the Government Administration Council announced a second recruiting campaign. By 23 August, 300,000 young people, including 100,000 of the unsuccessful applicants from the earlier campaign, had applied for entrance into the military schools. The percentage of applicants is not known, but health standards required have now been lowered so that more can be accepted than under the old standards. Even the health standards required for entrance into air force schools have been lowered although not to the extent that they have been lowered for students in other schools.
3. Because the importance of health was revealed during the first recruiting campaign, in early March MAO Tse-tung directed that the health situation be investigated. As a result, from 15 March to 1 April, students of ten colleges in Peiping and Tientsin were given physical examinations sponsored by the Government Administration Council, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Public Health, and the All-China Students' Federation. The following data indicates that 7 percent of the students examined in Tientsin had tuberculosis.

Name of School	Number of Students Examined	Students with TB	
		Number	Percentage
Peiping University	1,768	102	6
Tsinghua University, Peiping	2,500	181	7.2
Normal College, Peiping	1,213	73	6
China People's College, Peiping	3,720	359	9.6
Medical College of Peiping University	932	41	4.4
Peiping Agricultural College	2,300	14	.6

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<u>Name of School</u>	<u>Number of Students Examined</u>	<u>Students with TB Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Northeast Engineering College, Peiping	790	5	.6
Tientsin Pei Yang University	1,086	32	3
Nank'ai University, Tientsin	1,417	36	2.1
Hopei Engineering College, Peiping	400	8	2

4. An examination conducted between September and December 1950 of a number of students in elementary and middle schools in Peiping and Tientsin indicated that 62.7 percent of the 8,928 middle school students examined in Peiping were in poor health, 46.7 percent of the 19,393 middle school students in Tientsin were in poor health, and 83 percent of the 58,000 elementary school students examined in Peiping were in poor health. On 18 July, the Government Administration Council issued an order, "Decision on Medical Personnel in Strengthening National Defense Construction," which called on public health institutions and private practitioners to participate enthusiastically in building up health for national defense.
5. The following are requirements for enrollment in military schools during 1951:

<u>Type of School</u>	<u>Minimum Educational Requirements Students</u>	<u>Workers</u>	<u>Age Limit</u>	<u>Sex Limit</u>	<u>Length of School Course</u>
Air force school	second class of junior high school or its equivalent	elementary school education	17 years	male	1 year
Naval school	"	"	"	"	2 years
Tank School	"	"	"	"	8 months
Artillery school	"	"	"	"	1 year
Air defense school	"	"	"	"	1 year
Medical college	first class of senior high school or its equivalent	same as for students	16-25 years	50% female	4 years
Middle medical school	first class of junior high school or its equivalent	"	16-26 years	50% female	2 years
Telecommunication engineering school	senior high school graduate	"	16-26 years	15% female	2 years
Junior signal school	first class senior high school or its equivalent	"	16-25 years	15% female	1 year
Radio operator school	first class junior high school or its equivalent	"	16-25 years	15% female	9 months
Advanced rear service school	first class of senior high school or its equivalent	"	16-25 years	10% female	2 years
Junior rear service school	first class junior high school or its equivalent	"	16-25 years	10% female	1 year
Public security school	junior high school	"	16-25 years	20% female	6 months
Foreign languages and Russian Language schools	second class of senior high school or its equivalent	"	16-25 years	7%	2 to 3 years
Civil engineering academy ¹					2 years
Military-political college ²					

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- 25X1 1. [] Comment. For the time being Peiping University is training students in engineering in the fields of sanitation, construction, road-building, well-drilling, mine-prospecting, harbor construction, and airport construction. In the future two engineering sections, sanitation and communications, will be established. The course for each will be two years.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. A military-political college will be established in every military district and graduates are to be sent to units of the army, navy, or air force to take charge of political work. There will be a regular course and a preparatory course in the college, and the length of the courses will be 6 months, 1 year, or 2 years.

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